GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

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WELFARE FOR UNORGANISED SECTOR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the effort made by the Government for welfare and improvement in the conditions of workers in unorganised sectors in the country from 2000-01 till date; and

(a) the quantum of funds allotted to the State Governments each year for the said purpose during the above period, State-wise, scheme-wise and the numbers of unorganised sector workers benefited therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) & (b): A statement is annexed.

Statement referred to in part (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1087 for 01.08.2005 regarding welfare for unorganised sector.

The Government is implementing various poverty alleviation/employment generations schemes like Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana, Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana, Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rojgar Yojana etc. Further, Janshree Bima Yojana providing for insurance cover to the people living below or marginally above the poverty line is also available for the workers in the unorganised sector. The Government has also constituted a National Commission for the Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector to examine the problems facing enterprises in the unorganised sector. The terms of reference of the Commission, inter-alia, include review of the status of unorganised sector in India including the nature of enterprises, magnitude of employment; identifying constraints faced by small enterprises and review of the social security system available for labour in the informal sector, and make recommendations for expanding their coverage. The Government have also been implementing several Welfare Funds to provide social security/welfare measures to certain categories of unorganised sector workers i.e. beedi workers, certain non-coal mine workers and cine workers. These funds are directly administered by the office of Director General Labour Welfare and funds are not allocated to the State Governments. The welfare measures include health care, housing, educational assistance for children, drinking water supply, etc. About forty four lakh beedi workers, sixty three thousand cine workers and about seventy four thousand non-coal mine workers and their families are availing benefits under these Welfare Fund Schemes. The expenditure incurred under all these funds since 2000-2001 is as under:

Year	Expenditure in crore
2000-01	69.13
2001-02	72.40
2002-03	81.80
2003-04	98.98
2004-05	108.59